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*Teaching the Bible through radio*





## HELLO & WELCOME to the latest edition of *Sounding Out*.

I am pleased to announce that our all new singing and dancing website is now live! (Except there is no singing and dancing I'm afraid; sorry to get your hopes up!)

It has a fresh and up-to-date look and has been designed to make it much easier to find our most recent programmes. There should be something new to see or hear every time you visit. All our radio programmes can be found there but there is also some content that is exclusive to our website such as interviews, short devotionals and blog posts.

We wanted to keep the website accessible to those people who are not yet Christians but want to know more about the faith. There are three new audio features with this in mind: *What is the good news?* *How do I become a Christian?* and *How do I read the Bible?*

As you will know our vision statement is very simple - *Teaching the Bible through radio* - and we have made sure that this is featured across the site so that people know exactly what we are about. There is also information about the history of Good News Broadcasting, our staff, resources, ways to get involved and easy ways for people to donate.

I've probably talked about it enough - the best thing to do would be to go and look for yourself. If you have internet access go to [www.gnba.net](http://www.gnba.net) and enjoy!

As I mentioned in our last newsletter we have been in talks to get *Bible Focus* aired by a secular radio station in Northern Ireland. This has gone ahead and we have been broadcasting on Radio North since the beginning of May. The station has been broadcasting for over 20 years and plays a lot of country music and old classics. Their broadcasts can be heard across Northern Ireland and also across much of Scotland at wavelength 846 AM. *Bible Focus* is being aired in the heart of their popular breakfast slot at 8.45am each weekday morning.

On a less positive note I have become aware of some issues with our work in Africa. You can find out more in the article by Joseph on the next page but I would appreciate your prayers as we rebuild and evolve our ministry there.

Tom



# CHALLENGES AND CHANGES BUT EXCITING TIMES AHEAD

**Joseph Kebbie works one day each week for GNBA in Africa. He reports...**

I am continuing to travel across Africa providing training and offering GNBA programmes. The 'Africa By Radio' conference in September will once again be a great opportunity to make contact with stations new and old. Despite this, it has been difficult over recent months as it has become clear that Joseph Bubahase, who had been distributing our programmes to radio stations across Africa, has not been working as had been agreed.

Many stations have not been receiving new programmes to broadcast for some time and have been relying on repeats. After a number of months the situation has not improved and this has led to Joseph no longer working with us. Some contacts with radio stations have been lost through this and in trying to reestablish contact with them, many are now wanting to be paid.

Most stations have very few resources and some even lose their electricity and have to rely on generators. Many ministries that make radio programmes don't mind paying for airtime because they preach a prosperity gospel and often ask for money from listeners. This teaching is very popular across Africa. GNBA has never paid for airtime in the past but neither does it ask for money from listeners.

I know this will come as a shock to you as it did to me. I am frustrated and saddened by what has happened but let me say one thing - please don't give up on Africa. There is so much to do and many opportunities for GNBA here.

Tom and I are planning together how we can move forward. Our first priority will be making links with ministries that broadcast across Africa like Trans World Radio to see if we can get our programmes to more people than ever before. There is also the possibility of me setting up my own radio station in Liberia!

Joseph



## Stepping down, stepping up

After well over a decade as the chairman of GNBA Stephen Thompson has decided to step down from the role but will remain as a board member. We are so incredibly thankful for all the things he has done, seen and unseen. He has served the ministry faithfully and led the board with wise, prayerful and biblical council through the years.



Replacing Stephen in the chair is Neville Patterson. He too has been a long term board member and we are really excited about all the passion and knowledge Neville will bring to the role. We grabbed a few moments with Neville to ask him a couple of questions about him stepping up to lead.



### **Tell us a little about yourself.**

*I grew up in the South of England before returning to Northern Ireland in the late 70s, where most of my family are from. I became a Christian at 11, eventually realising that the God I'd heard about and my parents believed in, I actually had to know and follow myself. I am so grateful for His patience with me and to receive His forgiveness. Since graduating as a Quantity Surveyor I moved to Manchester and met my wonderful wife Helen. We have two children James and Anita who are 20 and 18. I have worked in various locations as a project manager throughout the UK and abroad but mainly in Manchester where I live. As a family we are currently involved with Audacious Church in Salford.*

### **Why do you want to be chair of GNBA?**

*I sense it's the right thing to do and I'm often amazed by how God equips us for His work and have every confidence that this will be my experience.*

### **What are you excited about?**

*Having been involved in GNBA now for over 14 or so years I continually get excited about the power of God's Word to awaken, transform and enliven people to discover all that God has for them. To see people touched by radio messages from bible teachers makes my heart beat faster.*

### **Why do you love what we do?**

*I love the fact that GNBA provides a readily accessible platform for the Holy Spirit to minister to people all over the world and often to discover for the first time that God loves them.*



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# WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

**I have known about ISIS or so called 'Islamic State' for a number of years. I used to write a lot of news reports about them in my previous job but they have never felt like a personal threat until the recent bomb attack at the Manchester Arena.**

My daughter's best friend was at the concert and only missed the mayhem because she and her mum left a few minutes early to miss the rush. It seemed like a particularly callous attack because it targeted children and young people. Manchester responded with defiance. By the next morning, even before the death toll was official, people returned to work and school refusing to succumb to fear.



I was proud to be Mancunian and proud to be British but then a few days later I was disappointed to see this photo of a RAF fighter plane. Apparently this bomb was used in airstrikes in Syria against Islamic extremists. I know there is a lot of politics and ethics intertwined in this and emotions run high but it reeks of revenge.

Putting the politics of airstrikes, police cuts, defence spending, immigration and overseas aid aside this bomb didn't speak for the people of Manchester, it didn't speak for me.

There have been news reports that IS claimed that the more recent van and knife attack in London was in response to this specific image. The reality is that

violence leads to violence. Revenge leads to more revenge.

A few nights ago I watched some of the *One Love* concert in remembrance of those who died or were injured in the Manchester concert attack. It was a strange moment when I found myself agreeing more with the sugary sweet sentiment of the popstars all calling for love than the RAF's response.

Yes, it was a bit cheesy. Yes, most of the music was pretty awful but Ariana Grande, Justin Bieber, Miley Cyrus and others were right to call for love not hate in response to terrorism.

But love is a confused word in today's society. These popstars sing about it a lot but that's not the love that is needed here. We need biblical love. One specific aspect of love that was missing from the speeches at the concert was forgiveness - keeping no record of wrongs. This is found in 1 Corinthians 13 which gives us some practical outworkings of true love. This is where the rubber hits the road. Are we willing to forgive those who are trying to kill us?

Jesus said in Luke chapter 6 '*... Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.*'

This is controversial. This is counter-cultural. This is what Jesus modelled to us. On the cross He cried out '*Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.*'

It is right that we are appalled by these acts of terror. It is right that we want justice. I am thankful that our God is a God of love and justice.

and that one day all the wrongs will be righted.

Everyone will give an account of their actions, including terrorists, but we are to leave vengeance to the Lord.

Forgiveness is hard, it hurts but it seems to be the way Jesus wanted it.

Most of us haven't been directly impacted by the recent spate of attacks by extremists but all of us have been hurt by others at some point. Whether physically or psychologically, all of us have legitimate cases to bring against others. As Christians we can send a message of authentic love by forgiving. Why? Because we have been forgiven ourselves. Jesus hung on that tree because of my sin and yours.

As we forgive we show the beauty of the gospel.

*For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

Matthew 6:14

# Postcard from Poland

My trip to Poland began with a rather stressful journey to Warsaw which saw my first flight to Amsterdam delayed, meaning my fifty minute crossover was reduced to ten and I had a twenty minute walk from one end of the airport to the other. Let's just say I made the flight but not in a very graceful manner. Once I was on the aeroplane, sweating profusely, I learnt that someone had checked their luggage in but forgotten to get on the flight, so the second flight was also delayed as the said baggage was removed.

I arrived in Warsaw somewhat later than I had hoped and missed the start of the *Voice Of The Gospel* board meeting. Even so it was great

to hear about the latest projects that the team are working on and the continuing impact of their work in prisons and through the summer camps. In fact the Chairman of the meeting actually attended one of VOTG's camps almost twenty years ago!

After the board meeting I spoke to the youth of Zagorna church. I shared some thoughts on Mary and Martha and how our devotion to Jesus and learning from Him needs to come above everything else in our lives, even important things.

Immediately following this meeting, Henryk took me to see the old town of Warsaw at night. It was beautiful but I was also particularly struck by how



much energy my tour guide had, considering he had only recently been discharged from hospital after surgery following a skiing accident.

On Saturday there was more sightseeing - this time in daylight. We climbed a tower, visited a castle, went to a museum and ate some seriously tasty Polish food! In the evening we went to see the *Ballet Magnificat*. I am not known for my love of ballet but Henryk put on an amazing event with almost 400 people attending to see some exceptional dancing with a real gospel message.

On Sunday morning I was invited to preach at Henryk's Church. What a warm and welcoming congregation! I enjoyed singing some familiar worship songs (with different words of course) and I shared a message on Psalm 95 and the importance of remembering all that God has done for us in Christ and how this helps us worship Him with our lives.

At lunch later with Henryk and Dina, they shared some of their hopes and dreams for the coming year and their plans to raise more support for the amazing work they do.

I eventually headed back to Manchester-via Paris on a much less stressful journey and reflected on a wonderful weekend, thanking God for all he is doing in Poland with our friends and partners there.



# COFFEE MORNING FUNDRAISING



I wanted to support GNBA by raising money at my church, Houghton-Le-Spring Methodist Church.

Two years ago the church designated Thursdays for coffee mornings to raise money for different charities each month. I asked if the church could raise money for GNBA and so it was decided that money raised from coffee mornings during March would be given to GNBA.

It went quite well and Sandra and Judith who usually run the mornings said that they had raised more money this time than they usually do. I mentioned that the GNBA team were praying for the fundraising.

I helped out on the last two Thursday mornings in March and also baked a cake to bring along which raised a bit of extra cash as well.

It was a lovely experience and the people who came, including a lot of the members of the church, gave generously.

I put out leaflets and GNBA CDs on the tables for people to take with them. I hope that there will be some feedback in the future from somebody who picked up a leaflet or a CD.

*We're very grateful to Noemi Cobb and Houghton-Le-Spring Methodist Church for organising this fundraising venture for GNBA - thank you!*



# PRAYER DIARY

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer.

1 Peter 3:12

	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCTOBER
SUNDAY	Thank God for the opening to air our programmes on Radio North.	Please pray for Kate as she monitors GNBA finances and seeks to steward resources effectively.	Pray for Neville Patterson in his new role as Chairman of the Board.	Give thanks for volunteers Tony, Esther and Liz who regularly give their time to help in the office.
MONDAY	Please pray for Henryk and Dina Dedo, for the furthering of the gospel in Poland.	Pray that our new website would effectively inform and encourage new visitors to become supporters.	Pray for more listeners to tune in to <i>Bible Focus</i> and for more openings to broadcast it.	Pray for the editing and design of <i>Sounding Out</i> this month.
TUESDAY	Pray for continued inspiration and insight for Tom as he prepares <i>Bible Focus</i> programmes.	Pray for Tom and Joseph Kebbie as they seek the way forward for broadcasts in Africa.	Please pray for Mel as she seeks to maintain and keep the new website up to date.	Pray for good relationships and communication with stations who broadcast our programmes.
WEDNESDAY	Please pray for new listeners to respond to <i>Bible Focus</i> on Radio North.	Give thanks to God for Stephen Thompson's faithful work as Chairman of the Board.	Pray for new listeners to tune in to <i>Word Alive</i> .	Pray for an increase in Ministry Partners to strengthen our supporter base.
THURSDAY	Pray for the smooth running of the office and programme production during the holiday period.	Pray that Tom would know God's guidance as he considers new projects and possible partnerships.	Thank God for all the feedback from our programmes and the encouragement it brings.	Pray for the smooth running of <i>Sounding Out</i> mailing at the end of this month.
FRIDAY	Pray for the continued provision of excellent Bible teaching for <i>Word Alive</i> .	Thank God for all those who partner in the work of GNBA through prayer.	Pray for further opportunities to broadcast on more local stations.	Praise God for our volunteers as they help to mail <i>Sounding Out</i> on 24 <sup>th</sup> October.
SATURDAY	Thank God for the resources and the completion of the GNBA website.	Thank God for the ministry of the <i>Word Alive</i> programme and that God would continue to use it.	Pray for openings to share the work of GNBA in churches throughout the UK.	Thank God for His word and that we are able to teach it through radio.

# Radio Guide



- Premier Christian Radio**  
Digital radio: DAB Premier  
TV: Freeview 725 or Sky 0123  
Radio: MW 1305, 1332, 1413, 1566  
**Word Alive:** Saturday 6.00am & 7.30pm, Sunday 5.30am
- Trans World Radio**  
TV: Freeview HD Channel 733, Sky 0138 or Freesat 790  
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**Word Alive:** Saturday 5.30pm, Saturday 11.30pm  
**Bible Focus:** Weekdays 11.50am
- Branch FM**  
Radio: 101.8 FM  
**Word Alive:** Sunday 6.00pm  
**Bible Focus:** Weekdays from 12 noon  
**Finding The Plot:** Saturday 7.30am
- Hope FM**  
Radio: 90.1 FM  
**Word Alive:** Sunday 7.30am  
**Finding The Plot:** Sunday 12.00pm
- Radio Star Country**  
Radio: MW 981  
**Word Alive:** Wednesday 5.30pm
- Flame FM**  
Radio: MW 1521  
**GNBA Show:** Weekdays 10.30am
- Azimuth Radio**  
Internet: [www.azimuthradio.com](http://www.azimuthradio.com)
- Gospel 4 Grampian**  
Internet: [www.g4g.org.uk](http://www.g4g.org.uk)  
**Finding The Plot:** Part of 'Teaching Hour'  
Weekdays and Sundays 2.00am, 9.00am, 10.00pm
- Radio North**  
Radio: 846 AM  
**Bible Focus:** Weekdays 8.45am

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